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To any person who will send us

a club of ten new subscribers to

THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE we will present

a new Waterbury watch, enclosed

in a handsome satin-lined case,

and warranted to keep accurate

time.

General Sherman on the Tribune.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

To the Editor NATIONAL TRIBUNE:

From the nature of the articles published

in the numbers of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE

sent me, I observe that it is published in the

interest of the soldiers of the civil war. In

this you have my hearty sympathy, and I

will endeavor in my own sphere of action to

co-operate with you in all practicable mea-

sures to that end, without money and with-

out price. With great respect,

Your obedient servant,

W. T. SHERMAN.

## "THE TESCHE CAMPAIGN,"

Soldiering Among the Louisiana Bayous.

FRANK H. MASON AND JOHN W. FRY,

422 O. V. V. L.

To appear in our issue for next week.

The writings of Comrades Mason and Fry

have been singularly acceptable to the read-

ers of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE, and we

take pleasure in announcing the above pub-

lication. It will tell the story of the de-

taachment of the Thirteenth Corps from the

Army of the Tennessee, and its joining the

Army of the Gulf; of the pleasant days in

New Orleans; the arduous march to Bra-

shers, the winter spent in the delightful

country about Plaquemine, and the depart-

ure to cover the retreat of Banks's defeated

army.

Comrades desiring extra copies should

send in their orders at once.

## "The Battle of Moscow,"

BY

EDWARD HATCH, BVT. MAJ.-GEN., U. S. A.

There has been so much discussion, not un-

mixed with recrimination, over the engage-

ment at Moscow, Tenn., that it is with pec-

uliar gratification that we announce a con-

tribution on the subject from the pen of the

gallant Gen. Hatch, who was the hero of that

occasion.

It is a vivid, spirited account, and settles

some disputed points very definitely. It will

appear in next week's paper.

## THE WATERBURY WATCH.

When a splendid timepiece can be ob-

tained free what excuse is there for any

person not always being able to find out at

once what hour of the day it is? We will

send a Waterbury watch to you if you will

send us \$10 and 10 new subscribers to THE

NATIONAL TRIBUNE; so that by a little

exertion on your part in obtaining us that

small number of subscribers you can become

the possessor of a thoroughly reliable time-

keeper without any outlay of money. Or

we will send the watch and a copy of THE

NATIONAL TRIBUNE for one year for \$3.75.

For 25 cents more we will send a serviceable

steel watch chain; so that for \$4 you can

procure THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE for one

year and a Waterbury watch and chain.

## THIS WEEK'S PAPER.

This week Gen. Howard gives an account

of the night fighting which succeeded the

## THE DEAD YEAR.

1884 is now numbered with the "unre-

turning past." It has joined the procession

which has marched unrelentingly on since

Time began, and will continue to march

until Time shall be no more. Yesterday

1884 was the immediate present; to-day it

is but another grain of sand upon the lim-

less shores of Eternity. It brought to this

Nation much both of good and bad. Its

account is now made up, and we might make

a balance sheet of its debits and credits in

true commercial fashion, something like

this:

THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, 1884.

In Account with the People of the United States.

Dr. To the credit of the year, 1884, we

have peace at home, and

"a beautiful crop of

wheat."

"a beautiful crop of

corn."

"a beautiful crop of

oats."

"a beautiful crop of

hay."

"a beautiful crop of

clothing."

"a beautiful crop of

richness."

"a beautiful crop of

business."

"a beautiful crop of

prosperity."

"a beautiful crop of

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## 91,203 NAMES.

From the increase of the week before we

had anticipated the proud pleasure of an-

nouncing to our readers this week that

100,000 signatures in favor of the Mexican

Pension Bill with Amendments had been

received for presentation. But a holiday

intervened in the past week, and comrades

naturally had their attention directed to

matters more personal to them than men-

tures for the relief of their associates of the long

ago. The petitions could be attended to at

some other time, but Christmas gifts had to

be bought before Dec. 25, and Christmas

dinners eaten that day. So that, instead of

30,000 names which would have been sent

in, but 21,000 were received. Still, this is a

great number and a most encouraging ex-

hibit of the interest soldiers everywhere are

taking in this deserving work. It makes

a total of 91,203 signatures received

by us up to date. We have no record of

those sent directly to Congressmen, but

these will probably swell the total up to

nearly 150,000.

Here is the record of those received in

this office:

Alabama..... 176

Arkansas..... 157

California..... 196

Colorado..... 494

Connecticut..... 73

Delaware..... 17

District of Columbia..... 1,107

Florida..... 314

Georgia..... 17

Illinois..... 7,504

Indiana..... 147

Iowa..... 63

Kansas..... 104

Kentucky..... 62

Louisiana..... 121

Maine..... 51

Massachusetts..... 63

Michigan..... 12

Minnesota..... 63

Mississippi..... 12

Missouri..... 12

Montana..... 12

Nebraska..... 12

Nevada..... 12

New Hampshire..... 12

New Jersey..... 12

New Mexico..... 12

New York..... 12

North Carolina..... 12

North Dakota..... 12

Ohio..... 12

Oklahoma..... 12

Oregon..... 12

Pennsylvania..... 12

Rhode Island..... 12

South Carolina..... 12

South Dakota..... 12

Tennessee..... 12

Texas..... 12

Vermont..... 12

Virginia..... 12

Washington..... 12

West Virginia..... 12

Wisconsin..... 12

Wyoming..... 12

Yukon..... 12

Total..... 91,203

## THE NICARAGUAN TREATY.

The allusion in the President's message to

the project for a canal through Nicaragua,

which would connect the Atlantic with the

Pacific, was the forerunner to the transmis-

sion to the Senate of a treaty with that

State, which had for its object the carrying

out of the scheme. The announcement of

this treaty has created a most profound

sensation in both this country and Europe.

The English papers were at first moved to

anger, as they usually are by any movement

on the part of another Nation which in any

manner threatens the commercial prestige

of that country. It is quite evident to any

one that a canal connecting the two oceans

which would be strictly an American

way, and, as contemplated by the treaty,

actually guarded by American forts gar-

risoned by American soldiers, and the

entrances on both sides under the guns of

the American Navy, would be a severe blow

to England's position on the ocean, inasmuch

as it would place under American control

the shortest pathway from Europe to a great

portion of the ports of the world.

The ghost of the old Clayton-Bulwer

treaty was revived as an obstacle to the

carrying out of the Nicaraguan idea, but an

allusion to the way England had herself

disregarded that treaty by a conversion of

a portion of the Mosquito coast into English

territory, is a sufficient answer to that

proposition.

The French interest in the thing, of course,

is mainly on the grounds of its presumed

hostility to the Panama project. The Ger-

man press is mainly exultant at the discom-

fiture England feels, with a little snappish-

ness that Germany had not been consulted

in the matter, and there were hints that a

convention of European powers to guaran-

tee the neutrality of the canal should have

been invited. The papers in this country

have, as a rule, strongly commended the

project, and urged the Senate to ratify the

treaty. The only opposition comes from

those old-maidish journals who have before

their eyes continually the bugaboo of "for-